

**Senate File 117 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act concerning the retention of existing highway rest areas.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 313.69 Rest area construction —  
2 retention of existing rest areas.

3 Before the department determines whether to build a new rest  
4 area, the department shall conduct a thorough cost-benefit  
5 analysis to compare the cost of locating and constructing a  
6 new rest area and the cost of keeping an existing rest area  
7 open. The department shall consider all available options for  
8 reconstructing, expanding, or otherwise improving an existing  
9 rest area in accordance with section 306C.21 and shall not  
10 proceed with construction of a new rest area unless it is  
11 determined that making improvements to the existing rest area  
12 would be cost prohibitive.

13 EXPLANATION

14 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
15 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

16 This bill requires the department of transportation to  
17 conduct a cost-benefit analysis before proceeding with  
18 construction of a new rest area along an interstate, freeway  
19 primary, or primary highway. The department is to consider all  
20 available options for reconstructing, expanding, or otherwise  
21 improving existing rest areas and may not proceed with new  
22 construction unless it is determined that making improvements  
23 to the existing rest area would be cost prohibitive.